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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 20th March 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the Food Situation for the week ending 20th March 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report, 285 carts of ragi and 34 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 227 carts of ragi and 24 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 73 to Rs. 83 per cart during the week against Rs. 74 to Rs. 84 per cart in the previous week. The price of ragi is coming down owing to new ragi coming into the bazaar.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers to buy.

The Municipal Depot and the three Test Depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their shops.

Mysore City.—There is nothing to report.

Bangalore District.—There was no rain during the week. The standing crops of sugarcane, *Vaisakhi* paddy and coriander are in good condition.

The supply of food grains to the markets has improved and there is no marked deficiency anywhere. The prices are showing a tendency to fall. Ragi is selling at 7 to 8 seers a rupee and in some places 9 seers are quoted. Burma rice is Co-operative Societies in selling at 4½ to 4¾ seers and local rice at 3½ to 4 seers. Arrangements have been made to sell Burma rice from Taluk Depots wherever this measure is called for.

Mysore District.—There is practically no change though there are some slight variations in the price of ragi.

At the Chamrajnagar shandies, ragi sold at Rs. 11½ to Rs. 12 a palla, while at Terkanambi shandi, it was selling at Rs. 9 and Rs 9½. At Nagamangala shandi, ragi was sold at 8½ seers per rupee.

Tumkur District.—The situation remains unchanged. The price of ragi ranges from Rs. 70 to Rs. 75 a cart-load of 640 seers, and that of paddy between Rs. 75 and Rs. 80. Burma rice is being sold at Tumkur, Gubbi, Tiptur, Turuvekere, Maddagiri and Pavagada.

Kolar District.—During the week ragi was sold at 7 to 7½ seers and local rice at 4 seers per rupee.

The January allotment of Burma rice could not be sold at more than 4½ seers per rupee. It might be possible to sell the February allotment which is under distribution at 5 seers per rupee.

Hassan District.—The markets were fairly well supplied with rice and ragi. There was an improvement in the supply of ragi to the santes, which is due to the raiyats having completed its harvest. Rice and paddy continued to be exported from important centres to Bangalore and other places.

Standing crops, *viz*, *Kar* paddy and sugar-cane are in a good condition.

Prices still continue to be high but the price of ragi shows a tendency to go down.

The general situation is good for the present.

Shimoga District.—There has been no material change in the food situation in the district.

Kadur District.—All the markets were well supplied with food stuffs, but their prices continued to be high. In the taluks of Kadur and Mudgere, ragi was sold at 10 and 7½ seers a rupee as against 9 and 6½ seers, respectively, in the last week. At Narasimharajapura rice was sold at 5 seers and ragi at 7 seers a rupee as against 5½ and 8 seers a rupee respectively in the previous week.

The Amildar of Mudgere reports that a large quantity of paddy is being exported out of his taluk towards Chikmagalur and Belur.

Chitaldrug District.—There is no material change in the situation during the week under report. The prices of ragi and rice remain the same as in last week. Horse gram has gone down in price and is selling at 10 seers a rupee.

General (By Food Controller).—There has been no material change in the situation except that the price of horse gram has gone down slightly in parts of the Chitaldrug District and that of ragi in parts of the Mysore and Kadur Districts. In the markets of Tumkur Town and Bangalore City the price of ragi has remained steady. The price of paddy is also showing a slightly downward tendency.

The Burma rice imported against February allotment has almost completely been despatched to the several stations. A portion of the March allotment of Burma rice has been shipped and is expected to arrive at Madras on the 25th instant.

The sale of Delta old rice at the Provincial Grain Depot to individuals for *bona fide* domestic consumption is being continued.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Composition of the General Economic Conference.

READ—

Paragraph 10 of Government Order No. 514-66—E. C. 15-19-1, dated 12th July 1919, laying down the composition of the General Economic Conference.

ORDER No. 8400-64—E. C. 15-19-77, DATED 10TH MARCH 1920.

Under the revised constitution the General Economic Conference is composed of 100 members as follows:—

Members of Central Boards	75
Deputy Commissioners of Districts...	8
Members of Legislative Council (to be elected) ...	2
Members of City Municipalities (to be elected) ...	2
Members of Town Municipalities (to be elected) ...	4
Others to be nominated to represent special communities and interests	9

On a reconsideration of their order read above, Government observe that the Town Municipalities which are 29 in number are not adequately represented on the General Economic Conference as they are to return only 4 members at the rate of 1 member for two districts. Government are accordingly pleased to direct that the number of members to be returned by the Town Municipalities be increased to 8 so that each district may be able to return one member to represent the Town Municipalities in the district. The number of members to be nominated to represent special communities and interests will be correspondingly reduced from 9 to 5 as all special communities and other interests are already

adequately represented on the three Central Boards, the members of which are also members of the General Conference.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Secretary to Government,
Departments of Education and Agriculture.

To—The Secretary, Economic Development Board.
The Secretaries of Central Boards.
The Presidents of District Boards.
The Presidents of City Municipalities.
The Comptroller, Mysore Government.
The other Heads of Departments and Secretaries to Government.

Grant of Temporary Local Allowance.

READ AGAIN—

Government Order No. Fl. 2333-82—G. F. 94-18-3, dated the 23rd November 1918, sanctioning the grant of a temporary local allowance in addition to Grain Compensation Allowance of one anna in the rupee to all officials whose salary does not exceed Rs. 50, for a period of three months, from 1st November 1918.

Government Order No. Fl. 5393-442—G. F. 3-19-17, dated 5th March 1920, continuing the grant of the said allowance up to the end of February 1920.

ORDER NO. FL. 6839-88—G. F. 3-19-18, DATED 26TH MARCH 1920.

The grant of the temporary local allowance to all officials whose salary does not exceed Rs. 50 per mensem is further continued to the end of March 1920, subject to the conditions laid down in the first order dated the 23rd November 1918 read in the preamble.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

To—The Comptroller, Mysore Government.
The other Heads of Departments.
The other Secretaries to Government.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
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Budget Finance Committee.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. C. 1-50, dated 8th October 1919, passing orders reconstituting the Budget Finance Committee and enlarging its functions.

ORDER NO. FL. 6915-64—G. F. 77-19-4, DATED 29TH MARCH 1920.

Government are pleased to direct that the term of the non-official members of the Finance Committee reconstituted by Government Order No. Fl. C. 1-50, dated 8th October 1919, be fixed for a period of three years.

2. If any such member whether elected by or nominated from the Legislative Council or Representative Assembly ceases to be on the body concerned before the expiry of the period of three years his place on the Finance Committee will be filled up in the usual course by fresh election or nomination as the case may be.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

The Heads of Departments.
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The Comptroller, Mysore Government.
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